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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Dr. Michael J. Flavin of the Presbyterian Church of New Providence, New Providence, NJ.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Dear Father who is in heaven, You are a God of justice and grace, power and love, and above all else—freedom. It is You who puts a hunger for freedom in each of our hearts. It is You who sent Your Son to die that we might be set free. It is You who guided America's founders to build on the firm foundation of freedom. And it is You who has given us gifted leaders determined to protect that freedom. Thank you!

Father, You know these are difficult days. The weight of leadership rests heavy on the shoulders of the women and men of this Senate. So, we pray for them this morning. Please encourage them. Be very present here. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, please empower, renew, and strengthen them. In so doing may these women and men walk and not faint, run and not be weary. May they mount up with wings like eagles today.

Similarly, we pray with the Apostle Paul that You would give them not a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power—Your power, love—Your love and self control—Your self control. We pray that these three qualities would be here in abundance today.

Lord, because of You we approach the future with confidence and great hope. May Your Kingdom come, may Your will be done in this Chamber and throughout the earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator BENNETT, will you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

The Honorable ROBERT F. BENNETT, a Senator from the State of Utah, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the acting majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, today there will be a period of morning business until the hour of 11 a.m. The first half of morning business will be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, and the second half will be reserved for this side of the aisle. At 11 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel Estrada.

As a reminder, a cloture motion was filed on that nomination yesterday. Therefore, the vote will occur sometime on Thursday morning. We will announce the precise time of that vote later today.

At 12 noon today, the Senate will begin consideration of the Moscow Treaty. Under the consent agreement reached yesterday, only amendments in order to the resolution of ratification are those that are relevant to the resolution or the treaty. It is my understanding that there will be relevant amendments offered by some of my colleagues on the Democratic side, and therefore rollcall votes are expected today. Members who desire to offer amendments to the Moscow Treaty should work with the chairman and the ranking member of the Foreign Rela-

tions Committee to set up the appropriate time for consideration of their amendments. The Senate will complete action on the Moscow Treaty this week.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I haven't had an opportunity to check with floor staff, but I want to alert Members. At 11 o'clock, Senator ROBERTS and I, who were chairman and ranking member of the committee for many years, are going to make a statement on a long-time person who is leaving. We will work this out. I want to alert Members that we would like to have about 10 or 15 minutes between us at that time to speak about someone who is leaving and who has been involved in the committee work for many years.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Jersey is recognized.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome Dr. Michael J. Flavin to the Senate. Dr. Flavin comes to us from New Providence, NJ and we are very happy that he is joining us today as the Senate's Guest Chaplain. Dr. Flavin received his Bachelor's Degree from Bemidji State University and he currently serves as Associate Pastor at New Providence Presbyterian Church in New Providence. He received his theology degree from Bethel Seminary and his doctorate from Eastern Theological Seminary. He spends much of his time working with students.

I am always excited when we can welcome someone from New Jersey to the Senate Chamber and I am honored to welcome Dr. Michael J. Flavin to lead us in our morning prayer.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK.) Leadership time is reserved.

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